

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS, COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS IN ASCENDING ORDER WITH STATUS INDICATOR

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claims 1-9 (Canceled).

10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) The fiberboard according to claim 10 A fiberboard comprising natural fiber and polylactic acid resin mixed in said natural fiber as a binder, said fiberboard
(1) having a density of 0.2 g/cm³ or more,

(2) comprising an initial bending strength of 30 MPa or more, said bending strength being calculated in accordance with the following expression

$$\text{bending strength (MPa)} = 3PL/2Wt^2$$

wherein P is the maximum bending load (N) to a test piece, L is the distance between fulcrums (mm) of the test piece, W is the width of the test piece (mm), and t is the thickness of the test piece (mm), and

(3) retaining 20% or more of said initial bending strength after subjecting said fiberboard to a high temperature of 50°C and a high humidity of 95% RH for 1,200 hours,

wherein the polylactic acid resin comprises a carboxyl-terminal quantity of 10 or less equivalent weight/ton.

12. (Previously Presented) The fiberboard according to claim 11, further comprising a polycarbodiimide compound which is added to the polylactic acid resin.

13. (Currently Amended) The fiberboard according to any one of claims 10 to claim 11 or 12, wherein the polylactic acid resin comprises a remaining monomer quantity under a raw pellet state of 500 ppm or less.

14. (Currently Amended) The fiberboard according to ~~any one of claims 10 to claim 11~~
or 12, wherein the polylactic acid resin is mixed with the natural fiber at a range between 10 and 90
wt%.

15. (Canceled).

16. (Canceled).